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SUBJECT: CIVAIR - CHARTERS

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1. UK DOES NOT PERMIT PASSENGERS TO BE PICKED UP OR SET DOWN IN MORE THAN ONE COUNTRY ON ADVANCE BOOKING CHARTERS. WE ARE TOLD PRACTICE WITH RESPECT AFFINITY CHARTERS NOW UNDER REVIEW BY CAA AS RESULT OF APPEAL BY SATURN OF A RECENT DTI DISAPPROVAL OF AN APPLICATION THAT WOULD INVOLVE FLIGHTS TO MORE THAN ONE COUNTRY. APPARENTLY THERE IS NO WRITTEN RULE ON THIS QUESTION. WOULD BE USEFUL TO KNOW US REGULATIONS ON THIS POINT. FOR EXAMPLE, WOULD US PERMIT BRITISH CARRIER PICK UP TWO GROUPS IN NEW YORK, SET ONE DOWN IN MONTREAL, BOARD ANOTHER THERE AND PROCEED TO LONDON?

2. WE REQUESTED SET OF UK CHARTER RULES AS APPLIED TO FOREIGN CARRIERS FROM DTI AT TIME OF TWA CHARTER PROBLEM (LONDON 4948) BUT WE ARE TOLD THAT DTI STILL IN PROCESS OF PULLING THESE REGULATIONS TOGETHER. WILL FORWARD AS SOON AS AVAILABLE.

3. IN RECENT CONVERSATION, COLEGATE TOLD EMBOFF THAT TO
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IMPROVE ENFORCEMENT ABILITY CAA ACTIVELY CONSIDERING
REQUIRING FILING OF AFFINITY GROUP MEMBERSHIP LISTS WITH
AFFINITY CHARTER APPLICATIONS TO ENABLE ENFORCEMENT
OFFICIALS TO CROSS- CHECK WITH PASSENGER MANIFESTS WHEN
FLIGHTS ACTUALLY TAKE PLACE. COLEGATE SAID HE HOPED CAB
ENFORCEMENT CHIEF, O' MELIA, WOULD BE ABLE VISIT LONDON
FOR DISCUSSION WITH UK COUNTERPARTS ON ENFORCEMENT
STRATEGY FOR SUMMER SEASON.

4. COLEGATE ALSO SAID CAA PLANNED SOON TO ISSUE ORDER
PHASING OUT US/ UK AFFINITY CHARTERS. TIME FRAME TO BE AS
FOLLOWS: LAST FILING DATE AUGUST 31, 1973; LAST OUT-
BOUND FLIGHT DECEMBER 31; LAST RETURN FLIGHT MARCH 31,
1974. EMBOFF OBSERVED EARLY PHASE- OUT SEEMED PREMATURE
IN THAT WE WOULD HAVE LITTLE IDEA HOW WELL ADVANCE
BOOKING CONCEPT WAS WORKING UNTIL FIGURES FROM SUMMER
WERE COLLECTED AND ANALYZED. COLEGATE COMMENTED ONLY
THAT AS FAR AS UK CONCERNED THIS WOULD BE LAST SEASON
FOR AFFINITY CHARTERS.

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